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**Top British Criminal Justice Leader
Turns to Maryland Division of Parole and Probation
For Advice on Sex Offender Management
and Community Supervision**

Will tour Silver Spring office on Monday, February 5

TOWSON, MD (February 1, 2007)---Great Britain's Undersecretary of State for Criminal Justice and Offender Management is turning to Maryland's nationally recognized Division of Parole and Probation for lessons on how to better manage sex offenders and offenders in general. Gerry Sutcliffe will visit the Silver Spring Parole and Probation office on Monday, February 5 at 9 a.m.

The visit will include an overview of Maryland's sex offender management, as well as a discussion of the Division of Parole and Probation's nationally recognized Proactive Community Supervision model. The Silver Spring DPP office is a pilot site for that model, and includes specialized sex offender supervision as well.

The day will include discussion with other critical community supervision partners, including Montgomery County Police officers who track sex offenders and Second Genesis treatment providers.

Maryland's Division of Parole and Probation, led by Director Judith Sachwald, has won national and international attention for its successful offender supervision practices. Agents supervise more than 66,000 men and women in all corners of Maryland.

WHEN: ***Monday, February 5 at 9 a.m.***

WHERE: ***Silver Spring Parole and Probation Office at 8552 2nd Ave.***

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